श्री **विनय कटियार** (उत्तर प्रदेश): स्टेटमेंट कल क्यों देंगे, आज क्यों नहीं?...(व्यवधान)...

SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Sir,...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Sir, what is this? ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री **विनय कटियार**: स्टेटमेंट आज क्यों नहीं दे रहे हैं ...(व्यवधान)... आज क्यों नही ....(व्यवधान)...

श्री **उपसभापति**: आप भी गवर्नमेंट में थे... The Government is committed to make a statement. ...**(व्यवधान)**... यह कैसे हो सकता हैं? ...(व्यवधान)... You wanted an assurance from the Government, and the Government has given it. They are duty-bound to do it.

SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Sir, we have to speak...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: On what?

SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Sir, on the Insurance ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I called you. ...*(Interruptions)*... We have admitted your Zero Hour Submission. ...*(Interruptions)*... During the Zero Hour, I called you...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI SITARAM YECHURY (West Bengal): When? ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I called you. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Today? ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Yes. ...*(Interruptions)*... I called you. ...*(Interruptions)*... I said, 'please speak'. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU: What is the urgency of the Insurance issue?

श्री उपसभापति : नहीं, यह बात नहीं है ...**(व्यवधान)**... Please go back to your seats. आप लोग अपने स्थान पर चले जाइए ...**(व्यवधान)**... Please go back to your seats. ...*(Interruptions)*...Please do not do it. ...*(Interruptions)*... Now, we take up the South Asian University Bill, 2008. Shri Pranab Mukherjee to move the Bill.

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The South Asian University Bill, 2008

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): Sir, I beg to move:

That the Bill to give effect to the Agreement for the establishment of South Asian University and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto, be taken into consideration.

...*(Interruptions)*...

Sir, at the Thirteenth SAARC Summit (Dhaka, 12-13 November 2005), Prime Minister proposed establishing a South Asian University. The Agreement to establish the SAU was signed at the

14th SAARC Summit (April 3-4, 2007). All countries except Afghanistan have ratified the Agreement. Afghanistan is in the process of doing so. It was agreed that the main campus of the University would be in India. ...*(Interruptions)*...

A Project Office has been set up *inter alia,* to acquire land of the University, oversee construction, draw up its Charter, Bye-Laws, Business Plan, Governance Structure, Course Curricula, etc. The Project Office started its operation on May 1, 2008. ...*(Interruptions)*...

The object of the proposed legislation is to establish a world-class institution that will attract the brightest and the most dedicated students and teachers from across South Asia with a view to:

(a) Disseminating and advancing knowledge, wisdom and understanding by providing instructional and research facilities in various branches of learning.

(b) Taking appropriate measures for promoting innovations in teaching-learning process.

(c) Promoting regional peace and security by creating a multicultural atmosphere of tolerance and understanding.

(d) Fostering sound civic sense and to train them to become useful citizens of democratic societies.

...*(Interruptions)*...

The proposed University, *inter alia* seeks to harmonise the academic standards and accreditation norms in teaching, research and curriculum that are acceptable to all member states of the SAARC.

...*(Interruptions)*...

The Bill seeks to provide various powers to the University, such as, to establish such special centres and specialized laboratories and such other units for research and instruction as are necessary for the furtherance of its objects, to institute Chairs, principalships, professorships, readerships and lectureships and other teaching and academic positions, required by the University and to appoint persons to such chairs, principalships, etc., and other teaching and academic positions and to establish and maintain campuses, centres and Regional Centres. ...*(Interruptions)*...

The salient features of the Bill are:

(i) The University will be the first International University to be hosted by India in Delhi.

(ii) Jurisdiction of the University shall extend to whole of India and other centres in SAARC region.

(iii) The University will have full functional autonomy as per the SAARC Agreement. ...*(Interruptions)*...

(iv) There shall be a President of the University (equal to Vice-Chancellor), appointed by its Governing Body.

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(v) The tenure, power and function of University President shall be in such manner as may be prescribed by the statutes of the Bill.

(vi) There shall be a Visitor who shall have such powers, as may be prescribed by the statutes under the Bill.

(vii) There shall be a Governing Body consisting of two members from each of the Member States of the SAARC and the President of University. ...*(Interruptions)*...

(viii) The University shall have an Executive Council and Academic Council.

(ix) The Annual Report shall be presented to SAARC.

(x) The Accounts of the University shall be audited by SAARC Audit.

...*(Interruptions)*...

The question was proposed.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Shri Balavant *alias* Bal Apte. ...*(Interruptions)*... Dr. Karan Singh; he is not here. ...*(Interruptions)*...

The question is:

That the Bill to give effect to the Agreement for the establishment of South Asian University and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto, be taken into consideration.

The motion was adopted.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We shall now take up the clause-by-clause consideration of the Bill.

Clauses 2 to 32 and the Schedule were added to the Bill.

Clause 1, the Enacting Formula, the Preamble and the Title were added to the Bill.

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: Sir, I move:

That the Bill be passed.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

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MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The House is adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock.

The House then adjourned at ten minutes past two of the clock.

The House re-assembled at one minute past three of the clock
MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: ...*(Interruptions)*... Please sit down. ...*(Interruptions)*... We shall now take up The Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) (Union Territories) Order (Amendment) Bill, 2007. *(Interruptions)*